

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's arguments filed on 12/6/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 10-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____ *Klaus Danner*

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Holland (Reg No. 40,020) on 1/5/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 8, line 6, please **replace** "as messages on an internal motherboard bus" **with** "as SMBus messages on an SMBus coupled to the motherboard"

Please cancel claim 9.

In claim 10, line 1, please **replace** "9" **with** "8"

In claim 11, line 1, please **replace** "9" **with** "8"

In claim 12, line 1, please **replace** "9" **with** "8"

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 8, and 10 – 19 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claim 1, the limitations **a microcontroller interfaced with the keyboard and pointing device, the microcontroller operable to convert keyboard and pointing device user inputs into HID packets and to embed the HID packets as messages on the trusted bus; a state machine associated with the motherboard and interfaced with the trusted bus, the state machine operable to extract the HID packets from the trusted bus; and HID trusted registers interfaced with the state machine and operable to provide the HID packets to one or more of the components**, when read within the remainder of the claim, makes claim 1 allowable over the prior art. Claims 2 – 7 are allowed based upon their dependency to claim 1.

With regard to claim 8, the limitation **embedding the HID packets as SMBus messages on an SMBus coupled to the motherboard**, when read within the remainder of the claim, makes claim 8 allowable over the prior art. Claims 10 – 15 are allowed based upon their dependency to claim 8.

With regard to claim 16, the limitation **a second microcontroller operable to accept user inputs at an external keyboard and to provide the external keyboard inputs to the motherboard through a non-trusted communication channel**, when read within the remainder of the claim, makes claim 16 allowable over the prior art. Claims 17 – 19 are allowed based upon their dependency to claim 16.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew D. Spittle whose telephone number is (571) 272-2467. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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